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FRIDAY
DECEMBER 18, 1953

Donald Downes called on me this morning in connection with the Greene case, which Gerry Van Arkel had talked to me about last week. They had been brought into the OSS by Downes. I agreed with Van Arkel to sign the following affidavit:

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"David K. E. Bruce, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

"1. In 1941 I assisted in organizing the Office of Strategic Services and later became chief of the O.S.S. in Europe, with headquarters in London, serving there from 1943 to 1945, as a Colonel in the U. S. Army Air Forces. In June 1947 I was appointed Assistant Secretary of Commerce, having charge of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. I was Chief of the Economic Cooperation Administration mission to France from May 1948 to May 1949; United States Ambassador to France from May 1949 to April 1952; Under Secretary of State from April 1952 to January 1953; U. S. Observer to the Interim Committee of the European Defense Community and U. S. Representative to the European Coal and Steel Community from February 1953 until the present time.

"2. During the year 1942 I was the head of certain special intelligence work of the Office of Strategic Services, working under the general supervision of General William Donovan. In that same year Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Greene became affiliated with the organization on a voluntary, uncompensated basis; late in that year they were sent to the Argentine on an important mission.

"3. It was the practice of the Office of Strategic Services to make thorough and independent security checks on all personnel acting for it. From my knowledge of the Argentine operation I assume that the Greenes would have undergone such a check and would not have been engaged for this mission had there been disclosed the slightest doubt about their loyalty to the Government of

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the United States.

/s/ DAVID K. E. BRUCE

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of December, 1953.

/s/ JOHN R. WOOD
Consul of the United States
of America."

Harold Callender, David Schoenbrun and Bob Kleiman came to lunch with me. We started at 12:30 and left at 4:30 after much argumentation over European unity.

Frank Bauer, formerly in charge of public relations for the Comédie Francaise, came to see me about his new activities in that field. He seems to want to do a job for the European Community projects but I told him I had no competence to discuss the matter with him.

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